

WHAT IS/CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for importing a data file into a performance evaluation system, comprising:

storing a plurality of user-defined data elements; and
5 storing a user-defined configuration for the data
file, the configuration operable to identify a data item in
the data file and to map the data item to a data element.

2. The method of Claim 1, the configuration further
10 operable to associate the data item with a member of the
performance evaluation system.

3. The method of Claim 1, wherein the data file is a delimited file.

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4. The method of Claim 1, if the data file is not a delimited file:

storing a preprocessor file operable to generate a delimited file from the data file; and

20 using the preprocessor/ file to generate the delimited
file from the data file.

25 ~~6.~~ The method of Claim 1, further comprising the configuration operable to identify a type for the data item.

6. The method of Claim 1, further comprising the configuration operable to identify a format for the data item.

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~~7~~ 8. A performance evaluation system, comprising:
a first database table operable to store a plurality
of user-defined data elements; and

5 a second database table operable to store
configuration information for importing a data file into
the performance evaluation system, the configuration
information operable to identify a data item in the data
file and to map the data item to a data element.

10 ~~8~~ 9. The performance evaluation system of Claim ~~8~~ ⁷,
further comprising a configuration including the
configuration information and an identifier for associating
the data item to a member of the performance evaluation
system.

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